Losses and rate of return on investment of SEBs

296. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimate of losses and of the rate of return on investment of State Electricity Boards during 1995-96

(b) whether Government have devised any plan to streamline the operations of the State Electricity Boards;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the progress in implementing such a plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Though in terms of the provisions of the sub-section of Section 69 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, the accounts of the State Electricity Boards are required to be forwarded to the Central Electricity Authority within six months of the close of the year to which the accounts relate, yet the unaudited accounts of 8 SEBs for the year 1996-97 have been received in the Central Electricity Authority. However, a Statement indicating the losses and rate of return of the SEBs for the year 1995-96 in respect of all SEBs and for 1996-97 in respect of 8 SEBs, after taking into account Rural Electrification subsidy as provided in the accounts is enclosed at statement *(see below)*.

(b) and (c) The Common Minimum National Action Plan for Power issued in December, 1996 after consultation with the State Governments, aims at an overall improvement in the funcitoning of the State Power Utilities including the State Electricity Boards. The Action Plan *inter alia*, seeks to set up State Electricity Regulatory Commissions; rationalise retail tariffs; facilitate autonomy of the State Electricity Boards and improvement in management prectices of these Boards and improvement in management prectices of these Boards and press improvement in physical parameters so that the overall PLF in the State Sector reaches a minimum level of 65% in the next 5 year, introduce compulsory metering at substations and on all major features; compulsory annual energy audit of large consumers and time of the day-metering for big power consumers for better load management etc.

(d) The implementation of such a plan is a continuous process. However, some visible improvements have been made by some of the SEBs in the areas such as improvement in Plan Load sector (PLF), equity participation by the State Governments, opening of letters of credit by SEBs with the generating companies such as National Thermal Power Corporation, Power Grid Corporation etc., cost control, materials management, computerisation of billing and institutional development measures.

Statement

The surplus/deficit and rate of return, after taking into account RE subsidy as provided in the accounts, for the year 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Sl. No.	Name of the SEB		Surplus/Deficit (Rs. in crores)		Rate of Return achieved (Percentage)	
			1995-96	1996-97*	1995-96	1996-97
1.	A.P.	(A)	130.59	—	3.00	—
2.	Bihar	(U)	-27.52	—	-1.76	—
3.	Gujarat	(A)	108.00	109.86	3.00	3.00
4.	Haryana	(A)	78.21	-119.23	4.50	-7.50
5.	H.P.	(A)	35.58	24.81	8.70	5.55

Sl. No.	Name of the SEB		Surplus/Deficit (Rs. in crores)		Rate of Return achieved (Percentage)	
			1995-96	1996-97*	1995-96	1996-97
6.	Karnataka	(U)	51.20	—	3.00	—
7.	Kerala	(U)	22.76	—	3.00	—
8.	M.P.	(A)	133.79	—	3.00	—
9.	Maharashtra	(U)	349.80	346.58	4.50	4.50
10.	Orissa	(U)	26.94	—	3.00	—
11.	Punjab	(A)	142.85	107.87	4.69	3.94
12.	Rajasthan	(U)	80.84	—	3.00	—
13.	Tamil Nadu	(A)	339.19	—	8.42	—
14.	Uttar PR.	(A)	22.20	268.13	0.24	2.78
15.	W.B.	(A)	17.22	18.25	3.00	3.00
16.	Assam	(P)	-261.36	—	-29.11	—
17.	Meghalaya	(A)	-12.76	-33.52	-6.56	-17.07

(A) : Audited
(U) : Unaudited
(P) : Provisional

* Unaudited Accounts

Development of Hydro-Electric Power in Ninth Plan

297. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the 9th five year plan, development of hydro-electric power has been identified as a major thrust area; and

(b) if so, the details of the major hydro-electric projects planned to be set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The 9th Plan is yet to be finalised. The major ongoing hydro-electric projects likely to be commissioned during the Ninth Plan are nathpa Jakhri HEP (1500 MW). Tehri St. I (1000 MW), Ranjit Sagar (600 MW), Upper Indravati HEP (600 MW), Sirsailam (900 MW). Dulhasti HEP (390 MW) and Koyna HEP St. IV (1000 MW). Work on projects such as Ghatghar PSS (250 MW), Sarapadi HEP (90 MW) Dhauliganga HEP (280 MW). Maheshwar (400 MW), Baspa (300 MW) has been initiated by the respective executing agencies for capacity benefits in Ninth Plan and beyond.

Setting up of Joint Venture Companies with SEBs

298. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to set up joint venture companies with State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, what is the objectives behind alongwith details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware, if such joint venture are floated elsewhere in the field of power generation, transmission and distribution, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if that happens the name of the organisation which would be responsible for the entire infrastructure so needed alongwith details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a), (b) and (d) The State Government's of Orissa, Haryana and Rajasthan are